GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE UNDER EDU SAT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far on 'Edu sat Programme';

(b) the number of persons/regions to which the above programme had its access during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure proper utilisation of the funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Department of Space and Indira Gandhi National Open University have informed that they have spent approximately Rs.89.00 crore and Rs.2.58 crore respectively on Edu sat programmes so far.

(b) Department of Space has informed that 10000 terminals in 22 States have been commissioned so far providing access to approximately 7 lakh students.

(c) According to Department of Space, Indian Space Research Organisation has a review mechanism for overseeing the implementation and utilization of Edusat networks. The State Governments also have their own mechanism to ensure proper utilization of Edusat network. At the national level, an Apex body (Programme Review Board) was constituted to provide overall guidance and review of the implementation of Edusat utilization programme.